(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. Certain pollutants such as phenol in the coke oven effluents and particulates in the steel melting shop emissions, exceed the prescribed limits. The Central Pollution Control Board has issued directions to the State Pollution Control Boards of Orissa Madhya Pradesh West Bengal and Bihar to ensure that the steel plants namely, Rourkela Steel Plant, Durgapur Steel Plant. Indian Iron & Steel Company Bhilai Steel Plant Bokaro Steel Plant and Tata Iron and Steel Company to comply with the prescribed standards within a specified time-bound programme.

(e) The units have initiated action to meet the prescribed standards.

[*Translation*]

Renovation of Bridges

952. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major railway bridges in the country that are more than 60 years old and need to be reconstructed;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether an old bridge between Bombay and Igatpuri, needs to be reconstructed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN); (a) 55 nos. have been identified for rebuilding.

(b) and (c). All bridges are inspected annually to identify the bridges required to be rebuilt/stregthened/repaired.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The existing 2/4.57 m Arch Bridge at Km. 113/1-2 on Bombay-Igatpuri Section is being rebuilt.

Train Linking Eastern Part with Agra

953. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce super-fist trains linking Eastern part of the country and Bombay with Agra in order to facilitate tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.

Rail Projects in Karnataka

954. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have forwarded certain proposals to the Union Government for laying new rail lines;